

ENCLOSURE "A"

Draft Outline for Political Section of Satellite SR

1. Background of the Political Situation.

- a. What historical developments directly contributed to the establishment of the present political system?
- b. When, how, and why was the present form of government brought into being?

These points would seem to require a fairly careful treatment, particularly because of the rather drastic change in political form and outlook which has taken place since 1938. Early history should be touched very lightly, if at all. Detail is not considered necessary; merely an indication of the major trends or shifts, and an explanation of them. For example, it would be of no value to describe in detail the conflict between the Warsaw Poles and the London Poles, but sufficient merely to note the fact and its significance in the complexion of the Polish Government today.

2. Present Governmental Structure.

a. Structure and Operation of the Government.

- (1) Constitutional Structure.
- (2) Actual form and operation of the Government.

b. Democratic Forms, Including Civil Liberties, Control of the Press, Radio, etc.

Under this heading, point a (1) should be given the lightest possible treatment which will still show the principal branches and organs of government and their constitutional function. Point a (2) is more significant, and in it any differences between theory and practice should be clearly noted. The special relationship of the Communist Party to the State should be brought in here, although its detailed consideration would come later. The organization and operation of local government should be briefly considered here. With respect to point b, the objective is to present the ideological complexion of the country as shown in such evidence as the responsiveness of the government to the popular will, the status of the individual and his civil liberties, controls by the state over the individual, and the organization of education.

3. Political Parties and Other Influential Groups.

- a. A discussion of political parties of current or prospective significance, showing strength and membership, organization and direction, program and objectives, and significance.

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b. A survey of other influential groups in a position to wield or contest political power.

(1) Policies or Programs Inimical to US Interests.

The purpose here is to give a brief but complete review of the political forces of the country (whether legal parties or not) which can be expected to have an influence upon foreign policy. The stress should be on present position and future potentialities, rather than upon history and development. Particular sympathies or antipathies toward the US should be brought out, and the possibility of exploiting any groups in the interest of the US or against the established regime should be borne in mind.

4. Principal Current Political Issues.

a. Main Issues and their Possible Solutions.

The purpose is to present a general picture of the issues which divide the people or elements of the party or factions in the government, with the idea of indicating both the ability of the regime to withstand the strain of these issues, and the possibilities of exploiting them to the embarrassment of the government.

5. Stability of the Present Administration.

a. Sources and reasons for power of present ruling group or individuals.

b. Degree of subservience to Soviet control or pressure.

c. Viability of the present government.

(1) Possibility of its ouster by election.

(2) Capacity for maintaining position by force or fraud.

(3) Possibility of coup or revolution.

On all these points, information should be quite detailed, where it is available. Any other information bearing upon the stability of the government should be brought in here.

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